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1. Stahlwerk Silbitz (SAG Marten) (LBB 10000). Production for the months July-August 1952 comprised 73 tons of sprockets, and 80 to 85 pieces daily of 8 cm armor plate. The plant employs about 4,800 hands. It has been enlarged considerably since 1950. Other products are mine machinery and rail cranes and parts for briquette manufacture. The model department of the carpenter shop has been working on models of what appear to be tank bodies.
2. Stahlwerk Silbitz is situated near Crossen-Elster. During September, this plant produced mainly heavy castings for various other plants. About 220 to 240 steel plates of about 100 x 60 cm size and 5 to 8 cm thick are produced monthly. They are delivered mainly to a car works at Weimar. Turning parts for excavating machinery, cranes and machine tools are shipped off towards Leipzig. The production of sprockets is about 90 to 120 tons monthly. The sister works at Rasberg fabricates mainly alloy steel, especially steel for ball bearings.
3. EKM Halberstadt. In September 1952 this plant turned out 24 Junkers airplane engines, 800 hp., type 205d, water cooled. They were shipped to the Köpenick yacht works and to Stralsund, reportedly for use in marine craft. Some of the parts for these engines came from a works at Nordhausen and were only assembled at Halberstadt. Many skilled workmen from the former Junkers works are now employed at Halberstadt.
4. Getriebebau Wetzlar, Leipzig. This plant is turning out about 80 heavy gears monthly. Production of light and medium gears in September 1952 amounted to 137, not including continuous chain drives and parts that were delivered to Krupp-Gruson and to Polysius at Dessau. Items for turbine construction were fabricated outside the regular production program and were delivered to Dresden.

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5. Metallwebererei Tewa, Neustadt-Orla. Tewa manufactured 6,470 square meters of fine metal screen in September 1952. It was mostly pure nickel mesh, wire diameters about 0.05 mm, mesh count between 6,000 and 7,500 per square centimeter.
6. Unruh & Liebig, Leipzig. In September 1952, eight railway cars were built, each 15 meters long, with eight wheels, and a capacity of 120 tons. In addition, 26 cars of various sizes were repaired. Soviet orders currently are mainly for heavy loading cranes. One of these was built and was shown in the Soviet pavilion at the Leipzig Fair as a Soviet product. The number of gears for heavy machines produced is difficult to determine, because the kind and quantity change almost daily.
7. Meyer & Weichelt Steel Works, Leipzig. About 17,000 chain links were produced in July 1952, and 150 to 200 axle shafts, mostly heavy axles up to 2.5 meters long. Parts for an electric steel furnace were delivered to the Auerhammer Halbzeugwerk at Aue, for installation there. This plant already has four furnaces making castings for mortar shells.
8. VEB Sächsische Edelstahlhärterei, Leipzig. About 80 tons of hardened steel parts were delivered in July 1952, from the Dampfhammerwerk Grossenhain, the VVB Genko(sic) of Leipzig, and a plant at Weimar. About 120 to 130 tons of crankshafts and other parts for motor vehicles were heat treated.
9. Gerätebau Schönebeck. This plant produced 136 Diesel engines, 45 hp. for charging sets in July 1952, which were delivered to VEM Magdeburg for installations. Seven Soviet cargo trucks were repaired; bodies for these cars were delivered by the Lindner works, Ammendorf.
10. Maschinenfabrik Halle-Saale. In July-August 1952 this plant produced 67 door closing carriages for blast furnaces which were delivered to the Frankleben steel works at Merseburg. They are 4 meters long, 1.80 meters wide and 1.20 meters high. Twelve high power compressors were manufactured but not mounted. About 80 or 90 centrifugal pumps for mine work were produced. Shafts are manufactured for various motor vehicle works, about 1,500 per month. In July these were mainly connecting shafts of 80 to 120 mm diameter.
11. SAG Stock & Co.², Königsee. This plant makes parts for antiaircraft guns. It gets machine tools from the Schwermaschinenbau Meuselwitz and other plants in Saxony. There is a stock of about 500 tons of cog gears of various sizes, part of which came from Czechoslovakia. These gears are provided with brass toothed rims and given serial numbers. Gears of 18 cm diameter have the serial number 3764-18 M.
12. Zeitz Dry Cell Factory. The Trockenelementfabrik Zeitz delivers 2,000 to 3,000 dry cells for radio sets monthly to Leipzig. Flashlight batteries are manufactured in large quantities. Development work is being done on a light accumulator with electrodes of zinc oxide and hydroquinone.
13. Louis Schopper,³ Leipzig. Since June 1952 this plant has made only machines for ammunition works of the Deutsche Demokratische Republik (DDR). Six or seven cartridge drawing machines, with base plates, were delivered in July. Of the smaller turret lathes, 21 to 24 were produced. Four cartridge drawing machines went in July to the Kapen ammunition works.

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14. Bleichert, Leipzig. Twenty-six spherical buckets were shipped to the Soviet Union in July 1952. A large part of the production consists of spare parts for cranes. The plant has been working since August on a 5-ton crane for delivery to Berlin. A new production item is parts for 180 mm mortars. These can be loaded electrically and fire five shells, according to the statement of a Volkspolizei Commissar in Leipzig. The plant also makes parts for machine tools; about 80 tons of raw material per week are used in this work.
15. VVB MEWA, Quedlinburg. This plant makes cooking pots, canteens and mess kits. Until the signing of the interzone trade agreement it had practically nothing on hand. Now it has received a contract for 250,000 canteens and 150,000 mess kits. Time limit on the contract is not known to informant. The plant has about 600 employees, among whom there is a good deal of feeling against the DDR regime.

- 25X1 1. [] Comment: Possibly VEB Gesko, Stahl u. Hartgusswerk, Leipzig.
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